

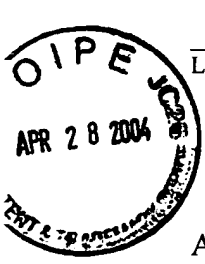
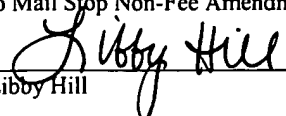
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**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction of March 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as requested below. Applicants Election in response to the Restriction is in the Remarks section that begins on page 10.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments/Election** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**An Election** is included in the Remarks that begin on page 10 of this paper.